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REDEEMING MAINE.

SUCCESSFUL REPUBLICAN TACTICS.

BOTH HOUSES OF THE LEGISLATURE ORGANIZED BY REPUBLICANS—AN APPEAL TO BE MADE TO THE COURTS—AN ACTING GOVERNOR WHO CANNOT ACT.

Last evening the Republican members of the Maine Legislature went to the State House and organized both Houses. There were 18 Senators, and one was admitted from Lincoln County; there were 85 members of the House, and 6 others were admitted. Joseph A. Locke, of Cumberland, was chosen President of the Senate, and George E. Weeks, of Augusta, Speaker of the House. A joint committee will prepare a case to be submitted to the Court as to the legality of the organization. James D. Lamson, President of the Fusion Senate, was sworn in as acting Governor, but General Chamberlain will not recognize him.

A REPUBLICAN LEGISLATURE.

BOTH HOUSES ORGANIZED LAST EVENING—JOSEPH A. LOCKE CHOSEN PRESIDENT OF THE SENATE, AND GEORGE E. WEEKS SPEAKER OF THE HOUSE—AN APPEAL TO THE COURT.

AUGUSTA, Me., Jan. 12.—At twenty minutes before 6 this evening the Republican members of the Senate and House of Representatives proceeded to the State House for the purpose of organizing the Legislature. The movement was entirely unknown to the Fusionists, and only a few of the Republicans, outside of the immediate members, were aware of the position of affairs. The news that the Republicans had taken possession of the State House spread rapidly, and caused great rejoicing among the Republicans, who have been impatient to have just this result brought about.

Mr. Lamson, President of the Senate, when he saw the people assembling, proceeded to General Chamberlain's headquarters, and excitedly said, "I protest against these men coming in." The General informed Mr. Lamson that he should permit the men to come in and stay as long as they pleased. There was no forcible resistance whatever. The halls were lighted, minor officers of the previous Legislatures familiar with the premises taking hold and lending their assistance.

In the Senate Jeremiah Dingley, Jr., called the meeting to order and Anstin Harris was called to the chair. Prayer was offered by the Rev. Dr. Butler, a member of the House. Charles W. Turner, Esq., Assistant Secretary of the last Senate, called the roll and eighteen Senators responded to the call. A quorum was announced present, all being Republicans, who proceeded to qualify, the oath being administered by the Hon. William M. Stratton.

Andrew R. S. Smith was declared Senator from Lincoln County on the face of the returns. Joseph A. Locke was chosen President, receiving all the votes cast—19.

Charles W. Tilden was chosen secretary, and Geo. E. Brackett, of Belfast, assistant secretary. Chas. J. Lovjoy was chosen messenger, and A. B. T. Chadbourne assistant messenger.

The following order was passed by three members of the Senate, by a vote of three to two, to report to the Senate for its action whether the Senate shall call upon the Justices of the Supreme Court for their opinion touching the legal organization of the Senate for the Fifty-ninth Legislature, and to report for the action of the Senate such questions as the law and the facts require in the premises.

The members of the House were called to order by Mr. Hale. Mr. Wentworth of Kittery, was made temporary chairman and the members-elect. All the Republicans responded, but the Fusionists did not. Eighty-four members of the House responded to the call, and were qualified by William Stratton, Clerk of the Court of Kennebec County.

Subsequently six members who were not by the face of the returns elected on account of defects amended under the law of 1877, were admitted by a resolution submitted by Mr. Strout. George E. Weeks, of Augusta, was elected Speaker.

After organization, Mr. Hale offered a similar resolution to that passed by the Senate, calling for the appointment of a committee to request the opinion of the Supreme Judicial Court as to the legality of the organization of the House. In making his remarks Mr. Hale spoke of the extraordinary circumstances under which they met; said that the object of the organization was to settle the vital questions affecting the organization of the Legislature and State government, and the House will stay the decision of the court.

PLAYING AT GOVERNOR.

JAMES D. LAMSON, PRESIDENT OF THE FUSION SENATE, SWORN IN AS ACTING GOVERNOR.

AUGUSTA, Me., Jan. 12.—On the assembling of the Senate this morning President Lamson sent a letter announcing that he had assumed the duties of Governor. The letter was the same as was telegraphed last night. Senator Ellis, of Waldo, was chosen President pro tem.

The Committee on gubernatorial votes reported the following votes as thrown at the last September election. Whole number of votes 138,807; necessary to a choice, 69,404; Daniel F. Davis, 68,770; John L. Smith, 47,409; James D. Lamson, 28,414; Bion Bradbury, 203; Daniel F. Davis, 200. The remainder are scattered by the constitutional candidates, Daniel F. Davis, Joseph L. Smith, Alvord, Green, and Ben Bradbury.

On the organization of the Senate to hold a joint convention for the purpose of qualifying the acting Governor, Mr. Locke, of Cumberland, made a long speech, in which he reviewed the action of the Governor and Council, and took up the cases of the counted-out members and the grounds upon which they were counted out.

Mr. Locke claimed that the certificates issued by the Governor and Council to those not chosen were not legal, and the acts passed by such a body would not be recognized by the courts or obeyed by the people.

Messrs. Barker and Strickland replied, claiming that to all intents and purposes this is a legal Legislature, the members holding certificates from the Governor and Council; they meant, as honorable gentlemen, to do the fair thing when an investigation should take place before the proper committee of the Legislature.

The joint convention was formed, and in presence of the Secretary of State and several members of the Council, John D. Lamson took the oath and was proclaimed Acting Governor of the State. Only fifty members were present in the House, and it adjourned without any business.

It is announced that the Fusionists will proceed at once to the election of Governor and State officers. This is the general feeling.

Second—Major-General Joshua L. Chamberlain is assigned to the command of the First Division.

Third—The commanding officers of all military organizations accepted in the service of the State are required to report to him. He will be obeyed and respected accordingly.

By order of the Governor and Commander-in-Chief, S. D. LEAVITT, Adjutant-General.

STATE OF MAINE, ADJUTANT-GENERAL'S OFFICE, AUGUSTA, Me., Jan. 12, 1880.

[Special Order No. 40.]

Major-General Joshua L. Chamberlain is hereby authorized and directed to protect the property and institutions of the State until a Governor is legally elected and duly qualified.

Fourth—All persons and organizations will take notice, to accompany in all authorized military organizations will understand that they are to report to me for orders until they are otherwise ordered by or through me.

JOSHUA L. CHAMBERLAIN, Major-General.

FRANK E. NYE, Major and A. A. G.

THE BRIBERY CHARGES.

TESTIMONY BEFORE THE COMMITTEE OF THE FUSION HOUSE.

AUGUSTA, Me., Jan. 12.—The House Committee to investigate the charges of attempted bribery met in the Representatives' Hall.

H. R. White was summoned to appear, but did not respond. He declined to recognize the authority of the Committee. Swan and Harriman reiterated in substance their affidavits and statements in the House, with some additional particulars. Swan said he first learned of the bribery through J. O. White, a relative of H. R. White. Swan Chase testified that Swan called upon him at midnight of the 5th inst. at the residence of his cousin, M. V. R. Chase.

He called him up and consulted him in regard to the transaction, and drew up the statement that he was going to take the \$1,000 and promise to do what he was asked to do for the sake of exposing the transaction. Chase advised him to go away, it appeared that no other parties witnessed the transaction. Harriman testified that he had first hesitated about going into the business, but after consulting Gove and others concluded to do so. The investigation will be continued tomorrow.

GENERAL POLITICAL NEWS.

GOVERNOR FOSTER INAUGURATED.

HE REDUCES THE MISUSE OF THE PARADISING POWER.

COLUMBUS, Jan. 12.—The inaugural ceremonies took place at the State Capitol today at 2 o'clock, in the presence of a large assembly, military and civil, gathered from all portions of the State. The effect of the military parade was marred by a snow storm, the streets being filled with slush and mud. Governor Bishop introduced his successor in a few words as the chosen ruler of the State.

Governor-elect Foster delivered a brief inaugural address. He said that he had little to add to recommendations by his immediate and distinguished predecessor. He emphasized Governor Bishop's suggestions that the Board of State Officers, State University and Ohio River Navigation, dwelling particularly upon the executive power of pardoning criminals. He issued the order of pardon of criminals. He issued the order of pardon of criminals. He issued the order of pardon of criminals.

THE NEW JERSEY LEGISLATURE.

TRENTON, N. J., Jan. 12.—At the opening of the Republican Assemblymen held here this evening Sherman B. Oviatt, of Monmouth, was nominated for speaker. Cummings O. Cooper, of Morris, for clerk; A. W. Dickinson, of Hudson, for reading clerk; George C. Wynkoop, of Camden, for engrossing clerk; and John F. Mercer, for sergeant-at-arms. The caucus of the House will be held tomorrow morning.

THE UTE IN WASHINGTON.

A SECRET CONFERENCE WITH OURAY BY THE SECRETARY OF THE INTERIOR.

WASHINGTON, Jan. 12.—Secretary Schurz had a long conference with Chief Ouray of the Ute Indians today. The examination of the entire delegation will probably not occur for a day or two. The Secretary said in reply to an inquiry that he did not at present desire to say anything regarding his conference with Ouray, and that he had not yet decided whether he would hold an open conference with the entire delegation of Indians or not.

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THE INDIAN BUREAU.

CARD FROM MR. HAY.

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AFFAIRS IN FOREIGN LANDS.

THE FRENCH MINISTRY IN FAVOR.

GRAVE DISCORD IN THE RUSSIAN IMPERIAL FAMILY.

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THE COMMITTEES.

WHO ARE TO BE CHAIRMEN OF THE SENATE'S COMMITTEES—THE HOUSE LIST INCOMPLETE.

ALBANY, Jan. 12.—The committees will be announced in each house of the Legislature on Wednesday morning. The Legislature reassembles tomorrow night. It is understood that the chairmanships of the chief committees of the Senate will be distributed as follows: Judiciary, Senator Robertson; Cities, Senator Woodin; Insurance, Senator Rockwell; Railroads, Senator Wagner; Commerce and Navigation, Senator Davenport; Canals, Senator Baker; Finance, Senator McCarthy; Internal Affairs, Senator Lynde; Banks, Senator Wentworth; and the Senate Committee on Cities, and Mr. Chase of the Committee on Railroads, and Mr. Hurl of Canals.

Speaker Sharpe is busy on the committees. The labor is an embarrassing one this year, owing to the large Republican majority. To give satisfaction to all his party associates is of course the Speaker's aim, but it would seem impossible to do so with ninety-one Republicans to dispose of. Many of the members have obligingly filed with the Speaker a list of the committees they desire to serve upon. On Sunday the Speaker was visited at his home on Lancaster-st. by General Chester A. Arthur, John F. Smyth, Thos. C. Platt, Jacob M. Patterson, Jr., and others. They were all very friendly, and were able to give him much valuable information about the abilities of the members from their respective parts of the State.

The late Sunday brought Police Commissioners Jordan and Lelen, of Brooklyn, E. G. Tinker, Captain of the Port, General Henry A. Barrum, Harbor Master, Quarantine Commissioner, and others. They were all very friendly, and were able to give him much valuable information about the abilities of the members from their respective parts of the State.

OPPOSING A THIRD TERM.

ALBANY, N. Y., Jan. 12.—The Anti-Third Term Club met in Martin Hall to-night and listened to an earnest address from Ex-Senator Hale, the president, in opposition to the nomination of General Grant for President. Mr. Hale reviewed the administrations of the various Presidents and the political history of the country, arguing that the nomination of General Grant would be a dangerous departure from established precedent, and would bring the track of the time the State would have been in a worse condition than it is now.

THE WEATHER IN THE SOUTH.

NASHVILLE, Tenn., Jan. 12.—The first cold weather since Christmas upon the South today.

HALIFAX, Jan. 12.—The steamer Minnesota, from Liverpool to Boston, put in here this afternoon short of coal.

ELIZABETH, N. J., Jan. 12.—The broken down bridge at Woodbridge, where Tuesday's accident occurred, has been repaired.

THE SACRAMENTO WALKING MATCH.

SAN FRANCISCO, Jan. 12.—The women's six-day walking match at Sacramento closed last night. Tourtelotte won a second victory, and J. J. Van Long was second, with a score of 329 miles and 3 laps.

ASKING FOR WORK.

OTTAWA, Jan. 12.—A delegation of about fifty unemployed workmen waited on the Mayor today and asked for work. A meeting of citizens will shortly be held to make arrangements for furnishing them employment.

WORK ON THE WELAND CANAL.

ST. CATHARINES, Ont., Jan. 12.—Messrs. Baileman & Co., contractors for the Weland Canal, have completed the dam and pumped the water out. 400 men will commence operations on the work today.

MILWAUKEE, Jan. 12.—Captain W. G. Wilkinson, leader of the band at the National Soldiers' Home, shot his wife and then himself during the night. Both are dead. Cause domestic troubles.

COMMISSIONS FOR CANADIAN CADETS.

OTTAWA, Jan. 12.—The Government has been ordered to furnish commissions to the British Army. The number of commissions is four each year.

A QUARREL MADE UP.

PITTSBURGH, Penn., Jan. 12.—The first annual meeting of the stockholders of the Pittsburgh and Lake Erie Railroad Company was held here today, resulting in the election of the old board and officers. All the differences in the board were adjusted.

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